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Response to Office Action

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 1/14/2004 (Paper No. 10) in regard to the above-identified patent application. The office action is virtually identical to the office action mailed 9/3/2003 (also numbered Paper No. 10 by the USPTO). Section 1 of the office action mentions an office action mailed July 3, 2003. It is assumed that this is merely a typographical error and was intended to state the date September 3, 2003.

An amendment as filed on 12/2/2003 responding to the office action of 9/3/2003. A return post card indicates receipt by the USPTO on 12/5/2003. It appears from the Office Action Summary that the office action of 1/14/2004 was responsive to the USPTO Notice of Allowance mailed 2/14/2003; not to the amendment filed 12/1/2003. Changes were made to the claims in the amendment filed 12/1/2003. The examiner is requested to

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issue a new office action in light of the amendment filed 12/1/2003.

The amendment filed 12/1/2003 is hereby repeated and incorporated by reference for responding to the office action mailed 1/14/2004.

Should any unresolved issue remain, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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